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1. AS NOTED IN REF, SPECIAL GROUP HAS APPROVED AND RE-EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE PHOTO COVERAGE OF TARGETS IN CHINA. HIGHEST PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS ARE SELECTED OBJECTIVES IN SOUTH CHINA AREA, RELATED TO SUSPECTED BUILDUP THERE AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM. AT SAME TIME, GROUP HAS NOTED ITS CONTINUED CONCERN FOR ABSENCE OF COVERAGE IN CENTRAL AND NORTH CHINA, AS WELL AS NORTH KOREA. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT THESE AREAS SECONDARY EXCEPT IN EVENT CONTINUED BAD WX SOUTH CHINA GIVES OPPORTUNITY COVERAGE ELSEWHERE, FOLLOWING SEVERAL "CONFIDENCE BUILDING EMISSIONS" IN SOUTH CHINA.

2. IMPACT OF THIS ON YOU IN PRESENT SOMEWHAT CONFUSED STATE OF AFFAIRS IS THAT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORT MUST BE EXPENDED TO PROVE COORDINATING OFFICERS

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SUFFICIENT DEGREE MECHANICAL RELIABILITY TO WARRANT OPS MISSIONS EVEN ON LIMITED AND RESTRICTED SCALE. ENVISION SUCH STATUS AFTER TWO SEPARATE RELIABLE PERFORMANCES BY 359 IN ACHIEVING NORMAL SYSTEMS CLIMBS TO OPERATIONAL ALTITUDES, AND CRUISE AT CONSTANT ALTITUDES UNDER STABILIZED POWER CONDITIONS TO ASCERTAIN DEGREE OF RELIABILITY IN CONTINUOUS ENGINE OPERATIONS ONCE THROUGH TROUBLESOME BADLANDS. CLIMB POWER SCHEDULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH OAT CONDITIONS PER INSTRUCTIONS FORWARDED O/A 9 JUNE 64 TO BE TESTED FOR RESULTS SOONEST IF POSSIBLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MINIMUM RELIABILITY FLIGHTS ABOVE.

3. UNDER LIMITED READINESS CONDITIONS, HQS PROPOSES ADJUST NORMAL SOP TO REQUIRE ACFT REACH PENETRATION ALTITUDE SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF HOSTILE ENTRY POINT TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL STABILIZED ENGINE OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, FIRST OPERATIONAL MISSIONS TO REMAIN WITHIN GLIDE OUT DISTANCES OF HOSTILE BORDERS.

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OF COURSE INDICATIONS OF MALFUNCTIONS PRIOR TO PENETRATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ABORT SITUATIONS. ADDED FUEL RESERVES TO ALLOW DESCENT AND RESTARTS WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER THESE RULES, AS WELL AS INCREASED SAR AS PRACTICABLE.

4. [ ] TEAM OPTIMISTIC THAT NEW CLIMB SCHEDULE REFERRED TO PARA 2 WILL GO LONG WAY TO SOLVING FLAMEOUT PROBLEM [ ] FIRST INSTRUMENTED TEST FLIGHT ON 348 AT VAN NUYS SCHEDULED FOR 14 JUNE--YOU WILL BE FILLED IN ON FINDINGS AS DATA IS REDUCED AND CONCLUSIONS BECOME AVAILABLE. IN MEANTIME, REGARDING OPS CAPABILITY SHOULD NOT BE PACED BY FINDINGS OF [ ] TEAM. CONTINUATION OF MAX EFFORT COMPLETE PE ON 358 AS WELL AS ROUND-CLOCK EFFORT ON 359 URGENTLY DESIRED.

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JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

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